

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims as set forth below.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A program product stored in a computer readable medium that permits a computer to implement the following steps of:

a specification analysis step of ~~reading in a specification and~~ analyzing ~~said~~ a specification, so as to obtain a number of words for preferred embodiment and a number of words of claims ;  
a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the following formula:  
{the number of words for preferred embodiment/the number of words for claims}; and  
a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.

4. (Currently amended) A program product stored in a computer readable medium that permits a computer to implement the following steps of:

an element obtaining step of obtaining elements based on a specific letter string in a specification;

a specification analysis step of ~~reading in a specification and~~ analyzing said specification so as to obtain the smallest number of elements composing one claim;  
a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the smallest number of the elements composing one claim obtained by the specification analysis step, as a parameter; and  
a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.

5. (Currently amended) A program product stored in a computer readable medium that permits a computer to implement the following steps of:

a specification analysis step of ~~reading in a specification and~~ analyzing ~~said~~ a specification so as to obtain a depth of claim nesting level ~~or a number of claim categories;~~

a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the depth of claim nesting level or the number of claim categories obtained in said specification analysis step, as a parameter; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A data processing device comprising:

~~a specification reader for reading in a specification;~~

a MPU including a specification analyzer for analyzing said a specification; and a patent value calculator for calculating a patent value based on the following formula:

{a number of words for preferred embodiment/number of words for claims}; and

~~a patent value output means~~ printer or a display for outputting said patent value.

9. (Currently amended) A data processing device comprising:

~~a specification reader for reading in a specification;~~

a MPU including an element obtaining means for obtaining elements based on a specific letter string, a specification analyzer for analyzing ~~said a~~ specification so as to obtain a smallest number of elements composing one claim; and a patent value calculator for calculating a patent value using the smallest number of elements composing one claim obtained in the specification analyzer, as a parameter; and

~~a patent value output means~~ printer or display for outputting said patent value.

10. (Currently amended) A data processing device comprising:

~~a specification reader for reading in a specification;~~

a specification analyzer for analyzing ~~said a~~ specification so as to obtain a depth of claim nesting level or a number of claim categories;

a patent value calculator for calculating a patent value using the depth of claim nesting level ~~or the number of claim categories~~ obtained in the specification analyzer, as a parameter; and  
a patent value output means for outputting said patent value.

11. (Currently amended) A method implemented by a computer comprising the following steps of:

a specification analysis step of ~~reading in a specification and~~ analyzing ~~said~~ a specification in the computer, so as to obtain a number of words for preferred embodiment and a number of words of claims;

a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the following formula in the computer:

{the number of words for preferred embodiment/the number of words for claims}; and  
a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.

12. (Currently amended) A method implemented by a computer comprising the following steps of:

an element obtaining step of obtaining element based on a specific letter string by the computer;

a specification analysis step of ~~reading in a specification and~~ analyzing ~~said~~ a specification by the computer so as to obtain the smallest number of elements composing one claim;

a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the smallest number of elements composing one claim obtained ~~by~~ in the specification analysis step carried out in the computer, as a parameter; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value from the computer.

13. (Currently amended) A ~~program~~ method implemented by a computer comprising the following steps of:

a specification analysis step of ~~reading in a specification and~~ analyzing ~~said~~ a specification in the computer so as to obtain a depth of claim nesting level or a number of claim categories;

a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the depth of claim nesting level ~~or the number of claim categories~~ obtained in said specification analysis step carried out by the computer, as a parameter; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value from the computer.

14. (New) The method according to claim 5, wherein the depth of claim nesting level is the deepest level of a claim hierarchy represented by a claim tree.

15. (New) The method according to claim 10, wherein the depth of claim nesting level is the deepest level of a claim hierarchy represented by a claim tree.

16. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the depth of claim nesting level is the deepest level of a claim hierarchy represented by a claim tree.